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Community Access Program (C@P)

The 2003-04 fiscal year represents the last year of C@P sustainability funding as it is now structured. Access to funding will be very different in the coming year as the structure of the federally funded program changes. A meeting of Nova Scotia C@P coordinators and chairs was held in Ingonish, May 22 - 25. This session was designed to identify issues and tasks that can be dealt with on a provincial level. C@P continues to have a strong voice in Nova Scotia. AVRL will see aging computers replaced in branches through C@P funds in this fiscal year.

Smart Libraries Project

The focus of the Smart Libraries project has turned to sustainability. Development of the tools needed to maintain the site after this final year of funding will be refined. Enhancement and new features for the public will also be added. Additional forms have been added to encourage communication with the users of the site.

Interest in the Smart Libraries project lead to a presentation by AVRL's Charlotte Janes and Virginia Stoddart of WCRL at the Smart Cities Summit in Ottawa, to an audience of community groups and businesses. In May, Janes and Stoddart were speakers at a workshop during the Atlantic Provinces Library Association Conference in Newfoundland. Components of the project have generated interest from a variety of groups. The combination of technology and programming used for the Smart Libraries project can be applied to almost any organization.

The Seniors Café will be replaced with a *Reference Shelf* in the next few months. Usage of the site is being monitored and statistics will be used to determine further development.

Summer Youth

Through various funding avenues, youth will be employed to deliver summer programs in many AVRL locations. Some of these will be related to technology. Computer camps for children is just one of the ideas being considered.

Branch Services Report

AVRL's annual staff in-service was held on May 28 in Bridgetown. All valley library branches were closed and bookmobiles were off the road, allowing 65 staff members to attend and exchange ideas via discussion groups and workshops. The morning was spent in round-table discussions where five library situational questions, ranging from budget issues to patron/staff concerns, were presented and possible solutions brought forth. A visit from author/forensic psychologist Dr. Brad Kelln was popular, and afternoon workshops included the topics of Programming, Reference Questions and Digital Cameras.

Cape Breton Regional Library (CBRL)

CBRL was pleased to play host to the very successful Alzheimer Society Open House held on Friday May 23, 2003 at the McConnell Library, Sydney. The Society's Cape Breton representative Susan Plath organized the afternoon, which was broadcast live on CBC Radio's 4:00-6:00 pm program *Mainstreet*. *Mainstree*t host Wendy Bergfeldt often takes her show on-site and has broadcast from the library many times. Most book-launches held at the McConnell receive optimal advertising through Wendy and her crew's live remotes. The afternoon of May 23 saw refreshments served and included remarks from the Society's Executive Director Kathryn Garden, as well as Society member Jim Gouthro. Regional Librarian Ian MacIntosh gave welcoming remarks. All speakers commented favourably on the success of the partnership that exists between the two organizations.

CBRL Reference Librarian Don Ward is interviewed by CBC Cape Breton Mainstreet's host Wendy Bergfeldt.

(L-R): A visitor to the Alzheimer Society's Open House with the Society's Susan Plath, Kathyrn Garden and Jim Gouthro.

Colchester-East Hants Regional Library (CEHRL)

Good Bye to Jocelyn

Recently, CEHRL staff and board members gathered at the home of Lynda Marsh, Administrator of Youth Services, to give Jocelyn Toms a hearty sendoff as she began her retirement. During her 27 years at the Truro Library, Jocelyn worked in both the adult and youth services departments. An avid gardener, she is looking forward to viewing her beautiful flowers from the comfort of the new patio furniture she received as her parting gift.

Board Chair John Patterson presents a gift to Jocelyn Toms on her retirement.

Donation from the Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus from Immaculate Conception Church, Truro, have donated $700 to the library for additional shelving in the Truro Branch.

CEHRL's Director Janet Pelley shown receiving the donation from Knights of Columbus member and Truro Library Commissionaire Wade Shears.

Adopt-a-Library Anniversary

At the end of May, CEHRL was pleased to host a reception to celebrate the first anniversary of the Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program in the region and to honour the program 's many sponsors. A commemorative wall was unveiled and framed certificates of appreciation were presented.

Shown standing in front of the new Adopt-a-Library wall in Youth Services, Truro Branch, are left to right: Scholastic representative Dan McCue, CEHRL Board Vice-Chair Dereck Rhoddy, Youth Services Administrator Lynda Marsh, Regional Library Director Janet Pelley and Truro Police Service Deputy Chief Glen Rogers.

Cumberland Regional Library (CURL)

The big news this month at CURL is the move of the library's technical services department from the basement of the Amherst Town Hall to the second floor of the Amherst Library. The second floor space will be shared with the Amherst Adult High School and renovations will take place during the summer with the move scheduled for September. This move is long overdue and staff are happy that they will no longer have to work below ground and will finally have natural light!

Additional news this month included special programs such as *Franklin and Friends*, author readings by Hackmatack nominee Sarah Ellis, and a pajama party. At the *Franklin and Friends* program, kids had their picture taken with the famous turtle, received a balloon animal from Chappy the Clown, had their face painted, participated in a colouring contest, and enjoyed hot dogs and pop. One hundred and twenty three children participated in this wildly successful two hour event.

Chappy the Clown shown entertaining the children at the *Franklin and Friends* program.

CURL staff who took part in *Franklin and Friends*, with 12 year Faith Clinton, daughter of CURL's Beth Clinton, playing the part of Franklin!

On June 16 & 17, children's author and librarian Sarah Ellis delighted children from local schools with readings from her Hackmatack nominated book, *A Prairie As Wide As the Sea*.

Author Sarah Ellis reads from her book, *A Prairie As Wide As the Sea*.

Last but not least, CURL recently received a grant from the Retired Teachers Association of Nova Scotia for the purchase of book and tape kits for children.

Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

ECRL's annual Staff Professional Development Day was held on June 6 at the Mulgrave Professional Centre. The day's events began with a round table discussion of this year's Summer Reading Program, *The Summer Reading Quest*, by Branch and Mobile Services staff. Lots of ideas and interest were generated with everything from scrolls, books of knowledge, gems and podiums being discussed. Also included in the day's events was a Regional Library update by Acting CEO, Dave Cumby, and the presentation of staff service awards by Chair, Joe Walsh, to library personnel who have been with ECRL, ranging from 5-33 years. Guest Speaker Christine MacDonald, registered yoga teacher and lifestyle consultant, presented a one-hour session on tips and tools for a happy, healthy and stress-free life!

ECRL staff service awards were presented to (left to right): Back, June Jarvis,13 yrs; Therese Reynolds, 15 yrs; Annette Boudreau, 12 yrs; Joyce Oliver-Snair, 15 yrs; Kenneth David, 15 yrs; (Front) Rhonda Strachan, 15 yrs; Anne LeBlanc, 13 yrs; and Lesley Brothers, 5 yrs. Missing from photo-Pamela Sampson, 3 yrs; Kimberley Tilsley, 5 yrs; and Charlene Bonin, 10 yrs.

ECRL staff Service Awards were presented to Lana Hadley, Book keeper, 20 years; and Martin McNamara, retiring after 33 years with the bookmobile service, and more recently as part-time library driver.

The Summer Author Series, sponsored by the Canada Council for the Arts, got off to a great start with visits to Inverness, Sherbrooke, Mulgrave and Guysborough by author Claire Mowat. Readings by Mowat included excerpts from her trilogy for young adults, *The Girl From Away*, as well as a short reading from her work in progress, as yet untitled. Claire kept the audiences amused with her rendition of being taught to use chop sticks by then Prime Minister, Pierre Elliot Trudeau.

The historic courthouse in the Village of Sherbrooke was the venue for the Mowat reading, the location filled to the rafters with local townspeople and visitors to the area. Here, Claire willingly answers questions from the second floor.

Students from the Beaverbank Elementary School, in costume for the *Living History* program in the restored village.

The School Services program winds to a finish during June, with Terri Morse, School Library Assistant, traveling to the schools to pick up the books for the summer.

Terri (centre) is seen here with St. Mary's Education Centre School Librarian, Theresa Harris, and librarian in training, Michelle MacArthur.

Halifax Regional Library (HRL)

Official Opening of Sackville's IT Lab

The Sackville C@P Association recently celebrated the official opening of its Sackville Information Technology Learning Centre, located at the Sackville Public Library.

(L-R): Peter Stoffer, MP for Sackville; Leo McKenna, library board member; Geoff Regan, MP, representing the Honourable Allan Rock; Bill Gard, Chair, Sackville C@P Association; Sackville Branch Manager, Kathleen Peverill; Councillor Robert Harvey; Councillor Brad Johns and Bernard Hart, Nova Scotia C@P manager, attending the official opening of Sackville Library's IT Lab

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL)

Summer Writing Camp Offered For A Second Year

PARL will once again offer a Summer Reading Camp for aspiring, young writers, ages 10 to 14. The creative writing workshops will be held over four-days from July 15 to July 18 in the New Glasgow Library Program Room. The event will consist of four separate workshops with Nova Scotian based authors, Norene Smiley, Ken Ward, Sue Goyette and Sylvia Gunnery. Due to limited space, only twenty positions are available, so registration is necessary. Workshops begin each day at 9:30 a.m. and run until 12:00 noon, with the afternoon session starting at 1:00 and wrapping up at 3:00 p.m. To add to the event, door prizes and some participation gifts will be given. In keeping with PARL's policy of providing free, ongoing community programming, there is no charge to participants.

The first venture for PARL into creative workshops for this age group held last summer was a resounding success. Parents and children alike were thrilled with the informal and interactive nature of the program, and the level of enthusiasm of the presenters. It is hoped that this type of event will become a regular feature of summer programming and help build a community of active writers.

PARL's C@P office has hired Judy Manning as the new County Community Access Coordinator. Judy will be operating out of an office adjacent to the Trenton Library, where her first project will be hiring applicants for the C@P Summer Student Program.

Stellarton native Leo McKay Jr. recently visited the New Glasgow Library to read from his National best selling novel, *Twenty-Six*. Loosely based on events surrounding the Westray coal mine explosion of 1992, McKay's first novel has been on *MacLean's* magazine best-seller list since being released in April.

Chronicle Herald graphic designer and visual artist, Vincent Walsh visited the New Glasgow Library Program Room to give a talk on art, graphic design and career opportunities to the East Pictou Rural High School grade ten art class. Here the students share a joke with Vincent as he instructs them in watercolor technique.

South Shore Regional Library (SSRL)

SSRL encouraged taxpayers in mid-June to donate the $155 refund cheques they received from the NS government to the Library. The campaign, called *155 ways to support your library* featured a poster offering 155 ways to USE your library. Samples include: #1. Find the words to *the Keeper of the Eddystone Light* and #139. Authenticate that Louis XIV chair from your attic. The Library received 10, $155 donations as well as several smaller donations.

Left to right: Don Zwicker, President of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and SSRL Board Vice-Chair; Vernon Cornish, Immediate Past President, Bridgewater and Area Chamber of Commerce; Tom Sheppard, SSRL Board Chair; Lunenburg Town Councillor Robert Young, SSRL Library Board give their $155 cheques to Chief Librarian Janet Clark.

Western Counties Regional Library (WCRL)

Library Purchasing Copy of Digby Courier Microfilm Collection

When it comes to research, two is better than one: this is the conclusion of WCRL and the Admiral Digby Library and Historical Society. For several years, the library has housed the historical society's microfilm collection of Digby Courier newspapers so that the public could use its microfilm reader to access the old newspapers. WCRL's Director Trudy Amirault has announced that the library will purchase its own copy so that the original can be returned to the historical society. Soon, researchers will have local access to two copies. Amirault said that the microfilm collection is so popular she expects both copies will be in constant demand.

Book Launch

One of the projects spurring that demand has been the 10-year project to index the old *Digby Courier* newspapers, which has been undertaken by genealogist Luella Marshall. With the launch of her latest volume, which spans the years from 1896-1907, Marshall has completed the index between the years 1877-1907 and from 1920-29. She is now working on Volume #4, which will span the years from 1908-1919. The *Surname Index* makes searching for information in old issues of the *Digby Courier* newspaper much easier. It is a powerful tool for anyone researching the history of Digby County. Although, used primarily to find records of birth, marriage and death, the *Index* is far more than just a registry of vital statistics. It also includes items about individuals, families, homes, hotels, shipwrecks and other newsworthy items of the period. The *Surname Index* is published by WCRL and Ms. Marshall donates all proceeds to its charitable association.

Genealogist Luella Marshall passes a copy of the latest volume of the *Surname Index* to the *Digby Courier* to Helen Robinson, Deputy Warden of the Municipality of Digby, as Lucy Mullen waits in line, during the book launch at the Isaiah W. Wilson Memorial Library in Digby.

Library Lotto

The end of WCRL's biennial Library Lotto 50/50 came to a conclusion on July 1, Canada Day. The lottery ran from April 1 - July 1. The addition of Early Bird draws helped boost early ticket sales, which early in June had reached $6,000. The lottery's organizers are particularly grateful to WCRL board member Fred Bower, not only for contributing 10 pounds of lobster, but also for travelling to West Pubnico to deliver it personally to the winner of the first early bird draw. Friends of the Library groups throughout the region played a critical role in selling and promoting the library. Winner of the main draw will be announced in the Summer issue of The Disseminator.

Library Clerk Connie Mullen gets a hug from a grateful patron during a sales event at a Digby-area mall.

Calendar

Advertising sales for WCRL's 2004 branch calendar are going well. Advertising is being solicited from local businesses in each of the branch' s communities and from municipal governments and agencies. Response has been very positive. Nine of 11 municipal units have bought ad space. The remaining two are considering the ad as part of their budget process. Corporate advertising sales are just getting under way, with half of the potential ad spaces now filled. The calendar has the potential to earn the library around $5,000.

Library Memorial Quilt

The Library Memorial Quilt is in the centerpiece of a display that is circulating throughout the branches at WCRL.

Pubnico Branch Coordinator Joanne Head helps WCRL's Deputy Director Virginia Stoddard disassemble the library memorial quilt in preparation for transit to the Pubnico Library.

In-Services

A series of staff in-services were held throughout the month of June at WCRL. The one-day sessions provided staff training on several databases, as well as training in the changes in MultiLIS needed to accommodate the imposition of overdue fine charges. Each of the staff in-services also included a brief overview of this year's Summer Reading Program, *the Summer Reading Quest.*

APLA Conference

WCRL Deputy Director Virginia Stoddard led a presentation on services to seniors at the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) conference in St. John's in May. Virginia described several programs offered by the library to assist seniors, including computer-training programs in the Gates Lab and the Seniors outreach program, which makes regular deliveries of library books to seniors' residences.

WCRL Deputy Director Virginia Stoddard.

Smart Cities Summit 2003

Previously, Virginia was on the road in April speaking at the Smart Cities Summit in Ottawa. The Smart Cities Summit is the leading conference on broadband service delivery for communities and businesses. Virginia joined Charlotte Janes, her counterpart from AVRL, on the Smart Libraries project. Together they described initiatives that are lowering geographic barriers to accessing library services in the rural areas.

Summer Reading Program (SRP) In Western Nova Scotia

Operators of the local McDonald's Restaurant (Yarmouth and Barrington outlets) are once again sponsoring WCRL's SRP. The local McDonald's provides cash and prizes. During the two-year association, participation has risen dramatically. Last year nearly 1200 children participated throughout the region, up from 965 the year before. Branch staff have already planned more than 40 programs throughout the region in association with the program's theme, with more added before the June 30 launch. In addition to the character cards and *Quest* story lines being delivered by HRL, Western Counties is also sponsoring four puppet theatre performances. *Down by the Docks* is performed by West Coast children's entertainer Daryl Robb.

SUMMER READING KICKS OFF

SUMMER READING PROGRAMME 2003 PROVINCIAL LAUNCH

The province wide Summer Reading Programme 2003 launch was announced by the following press release, issued by the Dept. Education, June 17:

Young Nova Scotian's are pledging to keep on reading even after the bell rings for the end of the school year.

Students of all ages are signing up for the Summer Reading Program. It encourages young people to continue reading during the summer months. The bilingual program is run by public libraries with support from CIBC as a major sponsor this year.

"This program helps our children keep improving their reading skills over the summer so they're better prepared for the next school year," said Michael Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works, on behalf of Education Minister Angus Mac Isaac. "There's something for everyone at our libraries, and I encourage young people and their parents to get involved."

Mr. Baker kicked off the Summer Reading Program with children and staff at the Lunenburg Branch of the South Shore Regional Library today, June 17. He also joined library staff in accepting a $5,000 donation from CIBC.

The bank's donation will purchase promotional items including T-shirts, posters, bookmarks and backpacks.

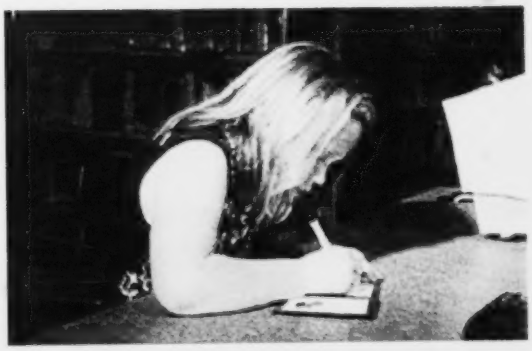
These items are used as incentives and prizes for activities such as story time, crafts, games and author readings. They also provide children and parents with information about the program and encourage them to participate.

"At CIBC, we are committed to making a difference in the communities where we live and work," said Jill Taylor, public affairs professional for CIBC Atlantic Region. "The Summer Reading Program makes that difference each year for thousands of Nova Scotia's young people, and CIBC is proud to be part of this wonderful program again in 2003."

The Summer Reading Program began in 1983. About 13,500 youngsters across the province participated last year. The program encourages children to visit libraries and participate in reading a variety of books, including Canadian and especially Atlantic Canadian books.

The provincial government contributes $17,000 to the Summer Reading Program each year. The program is coordinated by the Council on Youth Services, which is comprised of representatives from the nine public libraries and the Nova Scotia Provincial Library.

(Left to right): Carl MacLeod, CIBC Community Manager for Southern NS; Gladys Tanner, CIBC Lunenburg Branch Manager; Arlene Watts, Nova Scotia Provincial Library; the Honourable Michael Baker, NS Minister of Transportation and Public Works and MLA for Lunenburg, shown during the cheque presentation.



Meagan Crouse, age 8 of Lunenburg was the first child to register for *the Summer Reading Quest*.

CAPE BRETON'S SUMMER READING LAUNCH

The Summer Reading Quest, the province-wide Summer Reading Program for 2003, is expected to be a real hit with participants. Staff are excited by the theme this year and love not only the idea of collector cards, but the cards themselves. To kick off the program, staff donned Wizard's hats on Saturday, June 14 wearing them most of the day. The hats were made by CBRL's talented summer students Megan MacInnis and Pam King. The first day of registration saw 54 kids begin *the Reading Quest*.

The McConnell Library's *Reading Quest* wizards!

COLCHESTER-EAST HANTS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

CEHRL and PARL have partnered for this year's summer reading club by sharing the theme *Reading is Magical/Lire c'est magique*. CEHRL's SRP began June 26 and the highlight of the day was a performance by children's entertainer *Down by the Docks*. The entertainer delighted the audience with songs, jokes and the antics of Luke the talking lobster in his program called *The wizard of books*. On July 2, CEHRL's first brown bag lunch was a success with the magic performance of David Johnson. Tricks, jokes and prizes thrilled the children. The reading club is being well received. This year as children sign up, they are given a membership card to be punched for the incentives. After five books or 200 pages, they return to the branches to validate their cards and receive their prizes. Log sheets are also available for the children to take home and keep track of the books they've read. Prizes include buttons, bookmarks, trinkets from the treasure chest and books! The teens enrolled in the SRP read the number of pages they have rolled on the dice to receive their incentives, which include popcorn bowls, video rentals, fast food coupons and books! Weekly draws over the summer will include prizes of canvas bags with an image of the SRP's dragon reading a book on it, filled with books, etc., provided by Scholastic Canada through the Adopt-A-Library Literacy Program. To date, CEHRL's SRP has cast its magic spell and has caught the imagination of all.

HRL SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICK-OFF

HRL's recently held Summer Reading Kick-Off event was a great success, and launches this year's Summer Reading Program - now in its 21st year. Performing at the event - held this year at Pier 21 - were performance artists, Zuppa Circus. His Worship Halifax Mayor Peter Kelly was also on-hand and mingled and chatted with the close to 240 children from four HRM schools who attended the event.

Kids at HRL's *Summer Reading Quest* Kick-Off!

To participate in the program, this year entitled *the Summer Reading Quest*, children ages three and up simply register at their local library branch or mobile library, pick up a reading log, then keep track of library books read throughout the summer. Along the way they'll also earn rewards and great prizes. Sign-up for the program began the week of June 2 for mobiles and the week of June 23 for branches. Most libraries will also be hosting kick-off parties.

PICTOU-ANTIGONISH SUMMER READING PROGRAM

How does PARL's Summer Reading Program work? The Reading Club, with this year's theme *Reading is Magical/Lire c'est magique* is available to any child throughout July and August. Children use reading logs to record library books read over the summer. Treasure chests, filled with small prizes are placed in each library and each time a child reads five books they can choose a prize from the treasure chest.

The *Adopt a Library Literacy Program*, coordinated by RCMP Constable John Kennedy, supports PARL's summer reading program with prizes and library books through fundraising and donations from many sponsors. CIBC is once again a corporate sponsor and their assistance allows the purchase of promotional items used by libraries as larger prizes to encourage reading. Each library also offers a weekly *Kids Summer Library Hour* for ages 5-12. Stories, crafts, games and more are all part of these hour long sessions and pre-registration is necessary as spaces fill quickly.

To enable kids to participate online a special web site has been created by PARL's summer student Alan Smith. The site is linked from the Library's home page at **www.parl.ns.ca**. The *Virtual Library Hour* provides lots of activities over an eight week period, a reading club, summer events, contests and activity sheets. *Create a Magical Potion!* is the first contest and ran from July 2 until July11. Additional information can be obtained by e-mailing **reading@parl.ns.ca**.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY NEWS

CNIB SESSION AT CLA/ALA CONFERENCE

Jill Webster, NSPL's Information Services and Network Librarian, recently reported: "I attended a session called *Creating the Digital Libraries of the Future* at the recent ALA conference in Toronto, sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IOLA). It featured a panel session which included the CNIB, the Library of Congress and FNB (library services in the Netherlands). For readers who have a disability, the digital library means faster access to a wider variety of materials and the panel speakers addressed themselves to this issue.

"For example, Margaret McGrory, executive director of the CNIB Library, described their new much-needed digital asset management system *Live link*, which is enterprise level technology that facilitates collection, management and distribution of digital assets. It will handle all CNIB digital resources throughout their entire lifecycle, from storage of these resources upon arrival at the Library, to storage of books during production, to the long-term preservation of our books and magazines. One of the changes foreseen is the phasing out of *Visutext*.

"For more information on this and other news, please view the online version of the Winter 2002/2003 issue of *Wordsworthy*, the CNIB Library's audio magazine for adults at **http://www.cnib.ca/library/publications/wordsworthy/winter2002&03/articles.htm**

"The CNIB Library also hosted a booth at the exhibit, featuring the CNIB print Braille sales program library services. In addition, the CNIB held demonstrations of DAISY (digital audio) books with a representative from Visualize, manufacturers of the Victor Classic, Pro and Vibe (Digital playback machines). Also, the CNIB had a computer with their digital services and welcomed delegates to try out the online services.

"Two other significant events happened during CLA. First, the CNIB Library awarded Microsoft Canada president Frank Clegg the Dr. Dayton M. Forman Memorial Award on June 20 for his commitment to creating access to information for Canadians who are blind. Less than 5% of information in Canada ever makes it into formats such as Braille or audio, and more than 600,000 blind or visually impaired Canadians depend on what little there is.

Since 2001, Clegg has led the creation of the CNIB's new digital library. He has provided $2.5-million in funding and expertise, in particular for the CNIB's Children's Discovery Portal, an Internet library site being developed for blind and visually impaired children. It will incorporate chat, games and quizzes.

"Second, a resolution for a joint network to support library services for print-disabled Canadians was passed at the recent CLA AGM held at ALA/CLA on June 23."

Session Panel Links:
National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), The Library of Congress_
http://www.loc.gov/nls/

FNB – the Netherlands, accessible information for people with a print impairment_
http://www.fnb.nl/sub home/english.html

CNIB Library for the Blind
http://www.cnib.ca/library/

NSPL ATTENDS 50+EXPO

NSPL hosted a booth at this year's 50+Expo, previously the Seniors' Expo. The theme for this year's event was *Life is What You Make It!* and took place June 13 and 14 at the Exhibition Park, Halifax, from 9am to 6 pm both days.

The booth was ideally located close to the one entrance and was manned by NSPL staff and volunteers from a number of public libraries. Pamphlets and brochures from various public libraries were offered as handouts to visitors to the booth. The draw for a SRP sweatshirt and mouse pad was held every three hours and attracted the attention of in excess of 1,000 Expo attendees to stop and chat about public libraries and the wide variety of services available.

NSPL's Community Outreach Officer Arlene Watts shown assisting visitors at the 50+Expo.

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY STAFF TOUR NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

Five staff members from South Shore Regional Library (SSRL) visited the Nova Scotia Provincial Library (NSPL) for a two hour tour on June 10, organized by Information Services and Network Librarian Jill Webster. Michael Colborne, Coordinator User Services, provided the group with an introduction to and an overview of the goals of NSPL, including the coordinating role that NSPL plays in relation to the public libraries and their boards. Michael emphasized some of the public relations and advocacy work that the Library Public Awareness Group does. Each SSRL staff member was given a folder with various handouts on NSPL. Along with a tour of Technical Services,

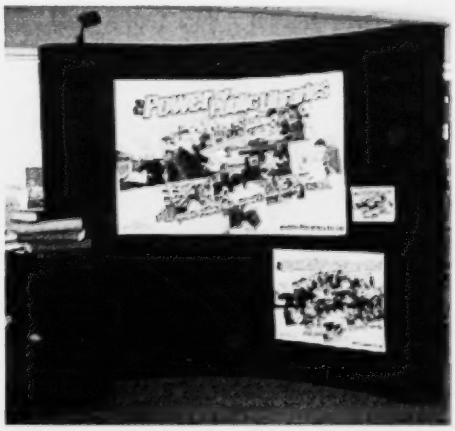
Coordinator Marged Dewar, selected the migration of the catalogue from MultiLIS to SIRSI Unicorn as one of the current important projects. Library Assistant Lynne McCulley, highlighted the cataloguing and acquisitions functions of Technical Services. While Librarian Bernadette Kennedy told the group about her job, especially her role as Chair of the Steering Committee of the Nova Scotia Digital Collections Initiative (NSDCI).

(L-R): SSRL staff Sharon Chapman, Sharon Hiltz, Anne Everts, Brandon Uhlman, Marion Moore and Marged Dewar, Coordinator, Technical Services, NSPL.

Following the tour, the group had a chance to meet with two staff members from the User Services Section. Carol Morris, Head of Reference Services, updated the tour members on the role of the reference back-up service that User Services provides, and mentioned the recent and on-going Virtual Reference Desk project. Carol gave a tour of other areas within User Services such as the Ready Reference and Back-up reference collection area. Frank Oram, Professional Services Librarian, gave an overview of the Professional Collection, and talked about borrowing/photocopying from this collection. NSPL is happy to tailor tours for library groups. Contact Jill Webster at 902-424-2478 or **webstegs@gov.ns.ca**.

NSPL'S NEW DISPLAY UNIT

Since it's arrival in late spring, NSPL's much anticipated new *pop-up* style display unit has been on the road quite a bit. The unit has been well received at various events from WCRL to CBRL, and many regions in between. It was most recently used by NSPL at the 50 +Expo on June 13 - 14. A collage of NS public library images were assembled to form a powerful graphic appearing prominently on the unit. The image conveys the message *The Power of Public Libraries,* which is emblazoned across the top of the unit. The new unit has received praise for its ease of assembly and its convenience to transport. Everything fits into a sturdy carrying case on wheels. It will make its provincial debut at the upcoming NSLA/LBANS Conference in October 2003.



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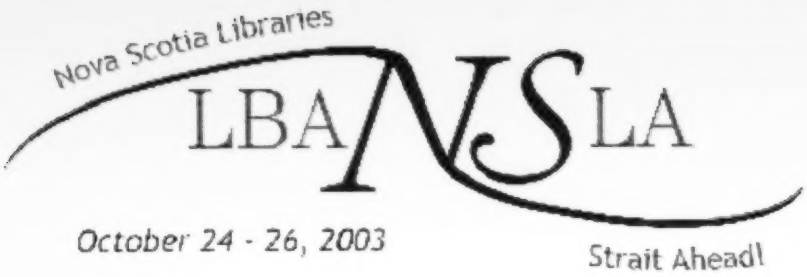

NOVA SCOTIA PUBLIC LIBRARIES-STRAIGHT AHEAD!

Join Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL) on October 24, 25 & 26 as they host the joint NSLA/LBANS annual conference at Dundee Resort, Richmond County, NS. For information, contact ECRL at 747-2597, email **lcarruth@nsme.library.ns.ca** or call Dundee at 1-800-565-5660 to make a reservation. See you in the fall!

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF UKRAINE DONATED TO NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL LIBRARIES

What do you know about Ukraine? Who was Svydnytsky Anatolii? Where is Neopolis?

You can now find the answers to these questions and many more by checking the *Encyclopedia of Ukraine* at three of the public libraries in Nova Scotia. John and Mary Yaremko of Toronto donated a set of the *Encyclopedia of Ukraine* to each of the following libraries through the Canadian Foundation for Ukrainian Studies (CFUS) : the Spring Garden Road Library in Halifax (part of the Halifax Regional Library); the New Glasgow Library (part of the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library); and, the McConnell Library in Sydney (part of the Cape Breton Regional Library).

The six-volume collection took many years to complete and includes in detail such subjects as Ukrainian art, history, politics, economics, geography, literature, science and much more.

The three regional libraries were among a number of public libraries across Canada to which Mr. and Mrs. Yaremko, through CFUS, gave this gift in an effort to help people understand and learn about Ukraine. The Halifax and Sydney areas, for example, have had a Ukrainian community since the early 1900s when many people came from Ukraine to settle in Canada.

The *Encyclopedia of Ukraine* is available as a reference source and can be viewed in the libraries named above. For further information, please contact Gloria Drayson, Director, Maritimes, CFUS at email: **edrayson@nbnet.ca** or tel-fax: 506-389-3794.

(L-R): Joanne McCarthy, Reference Librarian, Spring Garden Road Library with Olya Williams, out-going Maritimes Director, Canadian Foundation of Ukrainian Studies, (CFUS).

2003 REGIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES FUNDING REVIEW COMMITTEE

The 2003 Public Libraries Funding Review Committee held its first meeting on June 6, 2003. This Committee was appointed by the Minister of Education to review the current funding arrangement for Nova Scotia's public libraries and to recommend a funding model for the fiscal period 2003-2008.

Members of the Committee include representation from the three major stakeholder groups, municipalities, Department of Education and regional library boards. Committee members are: Deputy Warden, Elmer Garber of the District of Lunenburg; Councillor Robert Angel of the Town of Amherst and Jim Langille, CAO of the Town of Truro representing municipalities; Gary Archibald (WCRL) and Ivan Doncaster (CBRL) from the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia; Janet Clark (SSRL) from the Council of Regional Librarians and Judith Hare (HRL) representing regional library boards; and Elizabeth Armstrong, Provincial Librarian, Michael Colborne, Coordinator, User Services (NSPL), and Joe MacEachern, Director, Grants and Audit, representing the Department of Education.

The Committee will be consulting with its stakeholder groups throughout the review process and is expected to present its report to the Minister of Education by the end of October 2003.

20,000th COMPUTER PRESENTED

June 2, 2003, Computers for Schools-Nova Scotia also known as the NovaKnowledge Technology Recycling Program, celebrated an important milestone: the delivery of 20,000 computers to public schools and other related organizations across the province. The milestone was celebrated at a special event held at Shannon Park Elementary School in Dartmouth.

Presentation of the 20,000th computer.

The Computers for Schools Program completely refurbishes donated equipment by replacing parts, erasing the hard-disk memory, installing operating systems and basic software, and thoroughly cleaning and repackaging each unit for distribution to schools and libraries anywhere in Canada. The computers give young people, including those who might not otherwise have access to technology, a chance to gain valuable, hands on information technology experience in a supportive learning environment.

Since its inception ten years ago the program has grown from a single workshop in Halifax to five workshops across the province overseen by a Coordinator and a full-time Administrator. These workshops provide valuable work experience for new IT graduates.

During the celebration, Computers for Schools-Nova Scotia took the opportunity to recognize the main partners who have helped make the program in Nova Scotia a success. The three partners recognized were Industry Canada, represented by Senator Jane Cordy; Nova Scotia Department of Education, represented by Natural Resources Minister Tim Olive; and Aliant, represented by Senior Vice President, Wendy Paquette.

The Program also marked the significant milestone by presenting certificates to all the recipient organizations who have worked in such close partnership to make it such a success. Those recipients were Annapolis Valley Regional School Board, Cape-Breton Victoria Regional School Board, Chignecto-Central Regional School Board, Conseil scolaire acadien provincial, Halifax Regional School Board, Southwest Regional School Board, Strait Regional School Board, Nova Scotia Provincial Library on behalf of the public library system, Adult Education Program and Atlantic Canada's First Nations Help Desk.

Recipients of certificates by those organizations who worked on the Computers for Schools Program.

The Program also recognized the two largest suppliers of donated equipment to the program, Department of National Defence, and Department of Transportation and Public Works. These two departments represent approximately 50% of the total donated equipment received by the Program. On hand to accept the certificates were Buzz Collier from DND and Paul McKenna from DOT&PW.

The celebration was a great success and Computers for Schools-Nova Scotia looks forward to the shipment of the next 20,000 computers.

HACKMATACK ANNOUNCES 2003 WINNERS

The winners of the *Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award 2003* were announced at the award ceremony on Thursday, June 19 at the Keating Millennium Centre, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Deborah Ellis, the author of *The Breadwinner* was the winner in the English fiction category, Linda Bailey received the English non-fiction award for her book *Adventures with Vikings* and the winner of the French category was Marthe Pelletier for *Chante pour moi, Charlotte*.

The *Hackmatack Award* ceremony was the culmination of this year's award week, during which eighteen of the nominated Canadian authors visited participating schools and libraries in New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and the Prince Edward Island. Approximately 300 reading groups, and thousands of children from grades four to six, participated this year by reading the thirty nominated books.

Authors nominated for the *Hackmatack 2003 Awards* at the awards ceremony.

Author Linda Bailey autographs copies of her book *Adventures with Vikings*, the *Hackmatack* winner for non-fiction.

Information on the *Hackmatack Children's Choice Award 2003-2004* can be found at **www.hackmatack.ca**.

TOP 5 WEB PICKS

The Nova Scotia Government Libraries Council's (NSGLC) June 4, 2003, meeting featured members *Top 5 web picks*. Lynn Duquette, Librarian, Department of Education Library, noted in addition to the education related sites she uses regularly, she has also found several sites that provide policy or government information to be useful. Here are Lynn's top sites, which were among the top choices for other members as well:

1) Canadian Policy Research Networks
http://www.cprn.com/cprn.html
The Canadian Policy Research Networks' mission is to create knowledge and lead public debate on social and economic issues important to the well-being of Canadians. Their goal is to help make Canada a more just, prosperous and caring society.

2) Nova Scotia History, Law, Economics, etc.
http://www.blupete.com/
Peter Landry is a local lawyer, who has been writing the history of early Nova Scotia, 1605-1763.

3) Canadian Education on the Web_
http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/~mpress/eduweb/eduweb.html
The purpose of *Canadian Education on the Web* is to bring together everything relating to Canada and education that has a presence on the World Wide Web.

4) The Scout Report_
http://scout.wisc.edu/
The Scout Report is one of the Internet's longest-running weekly publications, offering a selection of new and newly discovered online resources of interest to researchers, educators and anyone else with an interest in high-quality online material. The Report is available both on the web site, and in e-mail form via mailing list subscriptions.

5) Statistics Canada_
http://www.statcan.ca/start.html
Lynn frequently uses demographics (projections); and has found the census 2001 data helps present a picture of NS and provides a context of the province within the country as a whole. Lynn recommends a release from StatsCan called *Education in Canada: Raising the standard* – released May 2003, containing material taken from 2001 census data.

Other sites recommended by NSGLC members include:

6) Two search engines **http://www.teoma.com** and **http://vivisimo.com**.

7) *The Courts of Nova Scotia* - **http://www.courts.ns.ca**. The Nova Scotia Courts website provides general information on the role of the courts in the legal system, including information such as the rules of court and details of the procedures to be followed. Information on the programs and services necessary to support access to justice through the courts can be found at the Nova Scotia Department of Justice at **http://www.gov.ns.ca/just/courtservices.htm**.

8) CanLII - *Canadian Legal Information Institute* at **http://www.canlii.org/CANLII**.

9) *In-link* is a fee-based portal solution that allows you to run a complex Yahoo-style directory directly on your

web site without having to update numerous HTML pages. The information is stored in a SQL database and therefore is easily updateable. See the free online demo at **http://www.in-link.net**.

REFERENCE ON THE NET

Here are some more reference questions which were referred to the Provincial Library by the Public Libraries and answered with help from resources found on the Internet.

Q. Patron wants information on testing devices for the presence of methane.

A. *Energy Citations Database*, U.S. Department of Energy, is a free database at **http://www.osti.gov/energycitations/** which is suitable to search for this request. It contains bibliographic citations with abstracts to report literature, conference papers, journal articles, books, dissertations and patents. Click on the *Advanced Search* bar at top of the screen. Then, for a more precise search enter *methane* in the first *Word* or *Phrase* box and select *title* and enter *detect* or *monitor* or *sensor* or *measure* in the second *Word* or *Phrase* box and again select *title*. Assuming that more recent information on this is desired, as a third field select *Publication Date (yyyy/mm/dd)* and enter a date range such as *1990/01/01 through 2003/06/18*. You can browse through the results to select the relevant titles.

Q. The patron would like some information about the artist Edouard Bisson.

A. *The Union List of Artist Names®, Getty Research Institute*, has a record for Edouard Bisson. At **http://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabulary/ulan/** enter *Edouard Bisson* in the artist name search box. This locates a record with some brief information and a bibliographical reference to a book by Bénézit. Click on *See full citation in ULAN bibliography* to get the citation to this book which has an entry on Edouard Bisson.

LINKed

The summer months are here at last and it's time to enjoy the outdoors. The sites in this month's *Linked* column can help by providing information on all aspects of planning an outdoor oriented vacation as well as extensive information on outdoor recreation.

National Parks of Canada: Parcs nationaux du Canada at **http://www.parkscanada.gc.ca/progs/np-pn/** is part of Parks Canada's web site. It features a list of Canada's national parks arranged alphabetically and by province. Parks Canada's library holdings can be found in the library catalogue of *Canadian Heritage, Parks Canada* and the Canadian Transportation Agency at **http://pch-geoweb.pch.gc.ca:8000/**.

Nature's Resorts: Nova Scotia Provincial Parks at **http://parks.gov.ns.ca** includes a directory of Nova Scotia's parks arranged alphabetically or you can select parks by type from pop-up menus.

Canadian Heritage Rivers System: Le Réseau de Rivi res du Patrimoine Canadien at **http://www.chrs.ca/** has extensive information for each river, including a bibliography of additional reading. Information on particular rivers can be selected by clicking on a map of Canada, an alphabetical listing of rivers or by province.

The Leisure Information Network **http://www.lin.ca/htdocs** was developed with support from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation and the Fitness Program of Health Canada. This site is home to the *National Recreation Database* at **http://www.lin.ca/htdocs/findrs.cfm**, which has documents of interest to professionals and volunteers in the recreation field. It can be searched by keyword, topic and full-text.

Out There at **http://www.out-there.com/** is a directory of travel, nature and sports resources for planning a vacation in Canada. Information can be accessed through the categories of *Adventure/Sports, Travel, Nature, Gear/Equipment, Province* or the *Get Involved* section which has links to various clubs and associations for the outdoor enthusiast. Alternatively, click on *Directory* for a listing of all categories in alphabetical order. The site also has lists of nature books and magazines, instructional books and guide books as well as web links arranged by topic.

www.CampingCompanion.com at **http://www.CampingCompanion.com/** is a directory of campgrounds in Canada. Click on *Campground Hound* to search for campgrounds anywhere in Canada. As well as search tips, the *How to use this site* section has a key to the icons which are used in the campground descriptions. *The Kids' Companion* section has an extensive collection of campfire song lyrics.

Web sites which were featured in previous *Linked* columns are arranged by subject category on the Reference Services page of the Provincial Library web site at **http://www.library.ns.ca/services/reference/index.htm**. If you have any suggestions about future topics for this column please contact Carol Morris at **morrisc@gov.ns.ca**.

PROFESSIONAL READING

In this month's column, two recent additions to the professional collection are featured. These items can be borrowed through regular interlibrary loan. Please submit requests via email to Dale MacMillan at **inshpl@nshpl.library.ns.ca**.

Driggers, Preston F. And Dumas, Eileen. - *Managing library volunteers : a practical toolkit.*
Chicago : American Library Association, 2002.
Call # : Prof 023 Dri

This book is intended as a hands-on guide to recruiting and managing library volunteers. The authors offer practical advice on the many aspects of a library volunteer program, including legal and risk management issues; recruitment; interviewing and selection; training; recognition; program evaluation and record keeping. Sample statements, applications, job descriptions, contracts and other documents are provided for use in establishing a coordinated volunteer program.

Kalfatovic, Martin R. - *Creating a winning online exhibition : a guide for libraries, archives, and museums.*
Chicago : American Library Association, 2002.
Call # : Prof 005 .72 Kal

This brief guide details the process of conceiving, designing and executing an online exhibition. It offers advice on selecting materials, developing a theme, and creating a narrative presentation, while keeping in mind broader goals like attracting users, increasing visibility and showcasing the collection. Case studies, sample artwork, screen captures and information on mark-up languages, online databases and software programs are included.

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